

on grievances and courts of justice be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorising the governor and council of this state, to appoint a commissioner or commissioners in the several states composing this union, and the district of Columbia, to administer oaths, take the acknowledgments of deeds, and other instruments of writing, and report to this house, by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Brookhart reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Christian Stonebraker, of Washington county, to remove a negro slave therein mentioned into this state.

Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth-Town, in Washington county, to Hager's-Town, and to incorporate the same; which were severally read.

Mr. Worthington from the select committee, to which was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, An act relating to Cromwell's bridge in Baltimore county, reported the same with the following amendment:

Amendment proposed.

In the first section, 12th line, strike out the word "shall" and insert the words "may in their discretion."

Which was read.

The house adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock

#### MONDAY, February 7, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday.

The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising Michael Sinnott, of Harford county, to hold certain real estate; also the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate Westminster, in Frederick county; also the bill, entitled, An act to confirm the proceedings of Nicholas Norris, of Baltimore county, acting as a justice of the peace for said county in 1829 and 1830; also the bill, entitled, An act to prevent fishing in Harford and Cecil counties on a certain day therein mentioned; also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act to divorce Rebecca Wilson and James Wilson, passed at December session 1829, chapter 229; also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the commissioners of Cecil county, to levy a sum of money, and rebuild a bridge over Big Elk